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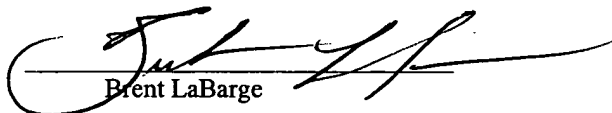
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 28, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

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Please cancel claims 1, 2, 9-10, 18, 19, 21 and 23 without prejudice.

3. (Amended) A method for inhibiting unwanted hair growth or inhibiting spermatogenesis, comprising administering to a patient a composition comprising a purified steroidal alkaloid represented in the general formulas (I), or unsaturated forms thereof and/or seco-, nor- or homo-derivatives thereof:

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